

Privatisation of post offices

124. SHRIMATI S.G INDIRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to privatise more than 100 post offices in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government had decided to give post offices on franchise basis, and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Dues of IUC in respect of supplementary charges

125. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that large amounts of IUC (Interconnect Usage Charges) dues in respect of supplementary bills are pending from different Basic Private Operators;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that these private operators are offering limited mobility services on fixed phones;
- (c) if so, the details for (a) and (b) above operator-wise; and
- (d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) Yes,